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**MEMORANDUM FOR: Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**

**THROUGH: Deputy Director (Plans)**

**SUBJECT: [REDACTED] Overflight for June**

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1. This memorandum requests your approval of the recommendation in paragraph 5.

2. [REDACTED] has prepared five proposed flights for execution in June 1961. They are outlined below along with DFO comments regarding the significance of each.

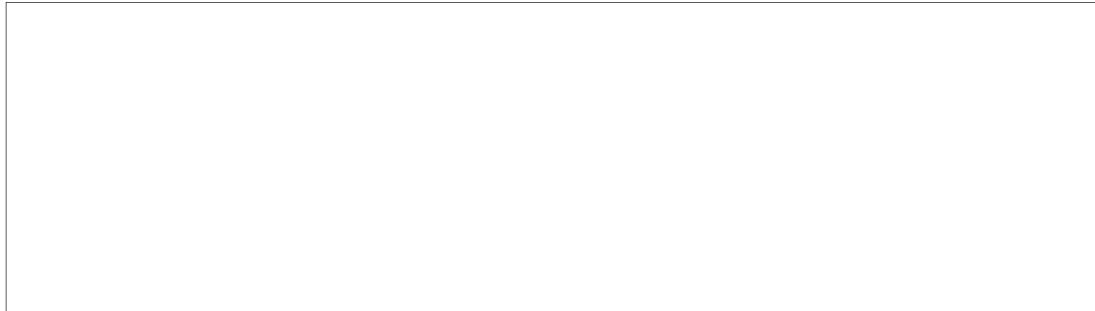
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c. [redacted] This mission directly opposite Taiwan is of interest particularly because there has been no direct concentration on this area for over four months even though, as is apparent from the overlays in 1961, entry and exit in the area have occurred. This would permit operation during the outside edges of the darkest period, thereby breaking the routine hitherto followed by the project for many months. Furthermore, this flight, along with the Hainan Island flight, could be accomplished simultaneously as dual missions. [redacted]

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d. [redacted] has the advantage of penetrating more deeply where fighter centers are located. However, it cuts across our previous 1961 flight lines and probes relatively few second priority fighter control centers. It would require the full use of the longest period of darkness. This mission is judged lower in importance at this time than a, b, and c above.

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e. [redacted] is concerned with the location and intelligence with highest priority on Fighter Control Centers and is of strong interest from an air defense viewpoint. Nevertheless, it is a longer mission in an area which has been fairly well covered during 1961. This one could well be postponed while we direct our attention to the southern missions outlined in a, b, and c above.

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4. For your information we intend to advise [redacted] submit plans for July 1961 to include at least two North China missions. These missions will of necessity be of less duration due to limited hours of darkness than those flown in the wintertime. We anticipate, however, that they will provide information of high value inasmuch as North China is our No. 1 priority area for electronic and communications reconnaissance.

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5. Recommendation: It is recommended that approval be given for three of the five missions proposed in order of priority listed in paragraphs [redacted]

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(Signed) Stanley W. Beerli

**STANLEY W. BEERLI**

**Colonel USAF**

**Acting Chief, DPD/DDP**

**CONCUR:**

*for* 15/ [redacted] DATE  
Chief, FE/DDP

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15/ [redacted] 12 June 1961  
**RICHARD M. DISSELL, JR. DATE**  
**Deputy Director**  
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The recommendation contained in paragraph 5 is approved.

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**C. P. CABELL, General, USAF**  
**Deputy Director of Central Intelligence**

Date 12 June 1961

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